

ARTS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 – 5:30pm-8:30pm
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores, Bears Rebecca Fonte, Felipe Garza, kYmberly Keeton, Amy Mok, Celina Zisman, Rick Van Dyke

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 5:35pm

Commissioner Barnes and Zisman absent

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Brian Cheslik – speaking about concerns with the new funding process in regards to the deaf theatre company – request to pause the process

David Goujon – Chair of MACC with update on phase II expansion, seeking support and participation for the expansion

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meetings on December 14, 2020
Motion to postpone approval
motioned: Polgar Seconded: Flores
Passed on consent

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. New Year
- b. AIPP liaison report
- c. Boards & Commissions liaisons

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Hotel Occupancy Tax update – Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Economic Development Department Director
- b. Cultural Funding update – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager
 - i. Current Year
 - ii. Cultural Funding Review Process update

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Cultural Funding Review Process update
No action taken

Commissioner Barnes arrived on the dais

Commissioner kYmberly Keeton left the dais

Lisa Scheps – Artistic Director Ground Floor Theatre

Ann Ciccolella – Artistic Director Austin Shakespeare

Nicole Oglesby

Dewy Brooks

Christina Moore – Executive Artistic Director ScriptWorks

Monica Caivano – Executive Director Esquina Tango

Bonnie Cullum – Artistic Director Vortex Theatre

Acia Gray – Executive Artistic Tapestry Dance Company

Sally Jaques – Artistic Director Blue Lapis Light

Cynthia Perez – Artistic Director La Pena

Ana Maria Tekina-eiru Maynard – Executive Director Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance

Roxanne Schroeder-Arce – Teatro Vivo

Melissa Voght – Managing Director Vortex Theatre

Shea Little – Executive Director Big Medium

Jill Christine Ramirez – Serie Project

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and action
 - i. Austin Economic Development Corporation Nomination process
Motion to accept the recommendation of the Arts Commission Austin
Economic Development Corporation Nomination Working Group
Motioned Flores Seconded Polgar
Vote: 7 – 0 – 1
For: Fonte, Barnes, Flores, Van Dyke, Polgar, Garza
Chair Castillo recused
Commissioners Zisman and Keeton absent
 - ii. Arts Commission retreat
Tentative - February 7, 12:30-4pm
- b. Working Group updates

- i. Equity Resource Working Group with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Keeton

No action taken

- ii. “Imagine-Austin Town Center” Joint Working Group with Economic Prosperity, Veteran’s, and Music Commissions with Arts Commissioners Van Dyke and Garza

Sunset working group

- iii. Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Nomination Working Group – Commissioners Flores, Keeton, and Polgar

Sunset working group

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT – 8:41pm

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